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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Letter of the Chairman

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The Honorable Thomas S. Gates
The Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The United States Intelligence Board has considered two major areas relating to the development and employment of the SAMOS reconnaissance system. The first of these areas is the consolidation of the general intelligence requirements of the various departments, services and agencies of the United States to serve as the overall basis for the SAMOS system development. The second of these areas is to establish priorities for the system developers and for the employment of the SAMOS system in the development stage during the 1961-1962 time period. These requirements and priorities are set forth in the attached paper entitled: "Intelligence Requirements for Satellite Reconnaissance Systems of which SAMOS is an Example".

The fulfillment of these requirements as expressed is of critical importance to the security of the United States; this is also evidenced by the national priority established for SAMOS.

Sincerely,

/s/

Allen W. Dulles
Chairman

Attachment

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